

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 865

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Anthony Vervoordeldonk.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those children who, although combating a life-threatening medical condition, exhibit courage and fortitude far beyond their years, serving as an inspiration to their friends, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, those noble organizations that seek to give comfort and bring joy to afflicted children deserve to be commended; and

WHEREAS, fourteen-year-old Anthony Vervoordeldonk is one such estimable child who suffers from B-Cell Lymphoma; he was recently granted attendance at the NASCAR races at the Bristol Motor Speedway through the venerable Make-A-Wish Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the son of Darlene and John Vervoordeldonk, Anthony has three brothers, Jeffrey, Trevor, and Matthew, and the whole family is eagerly anticipating attending the races together; and

WHEREAS, a native of southwestern Ontario, Anthony is passionate about racing and enjoys following the racing exploits of many legendary NASCAR drivers; and

WHEREAS, officials with the Make-a-Wish Foundation of East Tennessee have worked tirelessly to help make Anthony's wish an unforgettable experience that will encourage and inspire Anthony, the entire Vervoordeldonk family, and the Ontario community; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Anthony Vervoordeldonk, praise him for his uplifting spirit, and commend his strong showing of courage and fortitude at such a tender age; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Anthony Vervoordeldonk and his family our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling experience at the Bristol Motors Speedway NASCAR races, extending our best wishes to them during their time in our State and our sincerest hopes for their every future health and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.